JUDICIAL MERIT SELECTION COMMISSION PERSONAL DATA QUESTIONNAIRE



Court, Position, and Seat # for which you are applying:

1.	Name:	Mr. John	W.	Kittredge
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Name that you are known by if different from above (Example: A Nickname):

Are you currently serving in some capacity as a judge? (Includes Municipal, Magistrate, Etc.)

Supreme Court, Associate Justice, Seat 3

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Business Address: Greenville County Courthouse, 305 E. North St., Suite 216, Greenville, SC 29601

E-Mail Address:

Telephone Number:

(office): 864-467-8593

- 2. Date of Birth: 1956
 Place of Birth: Greenville, SC
 Social Security Number:
- 3. Are you a citizen of South Carolina? Yes
 Have you been a resident of this state for at least the immediate past five years? Yes.
- 4. SCDL# or SCHD#: Voter Registration Number:
- 5. Family Status: In the space below, (a) state whether you are single, married, widowed, divorced, or separated; (b) if married, state the date of your marriage and your spouse's full name; (c) if you have ever been divorced or are in the process of obtaining a divorce, state the date, name of the moving party, court, and grounds; and (d) state the names of your children and their ages. If your children are old enough to work, include the occupation of each child.

Married on June 20, 1981 to Lila Graham Hewell Never divorced, three children

- 6. Have you served in the military? If so, give the dates, branch of service, highest rank attained, serial number (if applicable), present status, and the character of your discharge or release. Please provide a copy of your DD214 concerning your discharge.

 No.
- 7. List each college and law school you attended, including the dates of your attendance, the degrees you received, and if you left an institution without receiving a degree, the reason for your departure.
 - (a) 1977 Associate Degree from the University of South Carolina
 - (b) 1979 Bachelor of Science Degree from the University of South Carolina, <u>Summa cum laude</u>, Phi Beta Kappa
 - (c) 1982 Juris Doctor, from the University of South Carolina School of Law; Order of the Coif, Wig and Robe
- 8. List the states in which you have been admitted to practice law and the year of each admission. Also list any states in which you took the bar exam but were never admitted to the practice of law. If you took the bar exam more than once in any of the states listed, please indicate the number of times you took the exam in each state.
 - (a) In 1982, I was admitted to the South Carolina Bar.
 - (b) I have never failed a bar exam.
 - (c) Other courts to which I am admitted to practice are set forth in question 13 below. I am a member in good standing, and there has never been a time in which I was not a member in good standing. However, I am not currently an active member of the United States court of Military Appeals and the District of Columbia Court of Appeals.
- 9. List the significant activities in which you took part during your attendance at law school. Give the years you were involved in these activities and list any leadership positions you held.
 - (a) In law school (1979-1982), I worked as a law clerk.
- 10. Provide, as a separate attachment, your continuing legal or judicial education report from the past five years.
 - Attached is a document that lists my continuing judicial education as requested.
- 11. Have you taught law-related courses or lectured at bar association conferences, educational institutions, or continuing legal or judicial education programs? If so, briefly describe each course or lecture.
 - (a) Yes, on numerous occasions. Please see my response to Question 10 above. I have also spoken to school children, including middle and high school students. I have further spoken to college level students. In speaking to students and civic groups, the primary focus has been an understanding of the legal system and the importance of the rule of law. I have also spoken to law students, both on substantive legal matters and principles of professionalism in the legal profession. I have spoken to other groups as well, such as law enforcement officers. In speaking to law enforcement officers, I have presented on

substantive criminal law matters, such as Fourth Amendment jurisprudence. I was a regular presenter at the Bridge the Gap program, during its existence, where I gave the presentation on Civility and professionalism.

- 12. List all published books and articles you have written and give citations and the dates of publication for each. Please furnish as a separate attachment, two examples of legal articles, briefs, orders, or other legal writings for which you can claim sole or primary authorship. If you cannot claim sole authorship, please explain the extent to which you are the primary author, to include a description of the other authors and their contributions.
 - (a) I believe the best examples of legal related articles are the hundreds of appellate opinions I have authored. In connection with my application, I am providing a list of opinions I authored on the Court of Appeals and Supreme Court. In response to question 24 I have listed five opinions I authored. (They are reported decisions and are easily accessible.) If JMSC desires that I submit hard copies of these five opinions (or others), I will gladly do so.
 - (b) Beyond my service on the appellate courts since 2003, I provided the following. Around 1978 I wrote a paper entitled <u>The Inevitability of Police Discretion</u>, which was published in the South Carolina Law Enforcement Officers Association magazine. An article on juvenile justice was published in the Greenville News in December 1992.
 - (c) I have also written an article on the proper role of the judiciary as it relates to separation of powers, and a copy of that article is attached as an addendum to this Personal Data Questionnaire.
- 13. List all courts in which you have been admitted to practice and list the dates of your admission. Give the same information for administrative bodies that require a special admission to practice.
 - (a) South Carolina Supreme Court, 1982;
 - (b) United States District Court for the District of South Carolina, 1983;
 - (c) United States Court of Appeals for the Fourth Circuit, 1983;
 - (d) United States Supreme Court, 1986;
 - (e) United States Court of Military Appeals, 1986;
 - (f) District of Columbia Court of Appeals, 1986.
- 14. Describe chronologically, since graduation from law school, your legal experience. Please include a list of all positions held in which you worked in a legal capacity. Describe the general character of your practice and divide it into periods with dates if its character has changed over the years. Please also describe the extent to which you were involved with the administrative and financial management of each of these entities, including management of trust accounts.
 - (a) I served as a law clerk to the Honorable William W. Wilkins, Jr., then United States District Judge, from August 1982 through 1984
 - (b) From September 1984 until July 1991, I worked at the law firm of Wilkins, Nelson and Kittredge. I had a litigation practice
 - (c) I also worked as a part-time assistant solicitor from 1984 until mid-1985, and then again for several months in 1986 to try several cases at the request of the Solicitor. As an assistant solicitor, I prosecuted many criminal cases.

- (d) I was elected by the General Assembly to the Family Court bench in 1991.
- (e) In 1996, I was elected by the General Assembly to the Circuit Court bench.
- (f) In 2003, I was elected by the General Assembly to the Court of Appeals.
- (g) In 2008, I was elected by the General Assembly to the Supreme Court.
- 15. Please answer the following (if you are a judge and <u>are not seeking a different type of judgeship</u>, this question is inapplicable):
 - (a) If you are a candidate for Family Court, please provide a brief written description of your experience within each of the following Family Court practice areas: divorce and equitable division of property, child custody, adoption, abuse and neglect, and juvenile justice. Include information about cases you have handled in each of these practice areas, or if you have not practiced in an area, describe how your background and procedural knowledge has prepared you to preside over such matters as a Family Court Judge. Please also indicate the frequency of your appearances before a Family Court Judge within the past five years.
 - (b) If you are a candidate for Circuit Court, please provide a brief written description of your experience in criminal matters, including any cases handled over the past five years and include a brief description of the issues involved. Further, please provide a brief written description of your experience in civil matters, including any cases handled over the past five years and include a brief description of the types of matters handled, issues involved, and procedural history. Please include information such as the primary areas in civil court in which you practice, whether you represent plaintiffs or defendants, or both. You may go back further than five years if you feel it would assist the Commission with its assessment of your experience. If you lack experience in an area, describe how your background and procedural knowledge has prepared you to preside over such matters as a Circuit Court Judge, or how you would compensate for your lack of experience in this area. Please also indicate the frequency of your appearances before a Circuit Court Judge within the past five years.
 - (c) If you are a candidate for Master-In-Equity, please provide a brief written description of your experience in the Master's court, including any cases handled over the past five years and include a brief description of the issues involved. Please include the frequency of your appearances before a Master-In-Equity or a Circuit Court Judge within the past five years.
 - (d) If you are a candidate for Administrative Law Court, please provide a brief written description of your experience before an Administrative Law Judge, including any issues discussed and the frequency of your appearances before the Administrative Law or Circuit Court within the past five years.
- 16. What is your rating or membership status, if any, by any legal rating organization, such as, Best Lawyers, Chambers, Legal 500, Martindale-Hubbell, Who's Who Legal, Super

<u>Lawyers, Million Dollar Advocates Forum, etc.</u>? If you are currently a member of the judiciary, list your last available rating, if any.

AV rating by Martindale-Hubbell from 2007

- * Justices/judges applying for re-election to their <u>current</u> position may omit Questions 17–22. <u>If you are a judge seeking a judgeship different than your current position, Questions 17-22 should be answered based on your experience prior to serving on the bench.</u>
- 17. What was the frequency of your court appearances during the past five years or in the five years prior to your election to the bench?
 - (a) federal:
 - (b) state:
- 18. What percentage of your practice involved civil, criminal, domestic, and other matters during the past five years or in the five years prior to your election to the bench?
 - (a) civil:
 - (b) criminal:
 - (c) domestic:
 - (d) other:
- 19. What percentage of your practice in trial court during the past five years or in the five years prior to your election to the bench involved matters that went to a jury, including those that settled prior to trial?
 - (a) jury:
 - (b) non-jury:

Did you most often serve as sole counsel, chief counsel, or associate counsel in these matters?

- 20. List five of the most significant litigated matters you have personally handled in either trial or appellate court or before a state or federal agency. Give citations if the cases were reported and describe why these matters were significant.
- 21. List up to five civil appeals you have personally handled. Give the case name, the court, the date of decision, and the citation if the case was reported.
- 22. List up to five criminal appeals you have personally handled. Give the case name, the court, the date of decision and the citation if the case was reported.
- 23. Have you ever held judicial office? If so, list the periods of your service, the courts involved, and whether you were elected or appointed. Describe the jurisdiction of each of the courts and note any limitations on the jurisdiction of each court.
 - (a) I was elected to the Family Court bench on May 8, 1991, and reelected in May 1995. The Family Court is a court of limited jurisdiction.
 - (b) In 1996, I was elected to an At-Large Circuit Court judgeship (Seat 11).

- (c) In 1998, I was elected to a Resident Circuit Court Judgeship (Thirteenth Judicial Circuit, Seat 4). The Circuit Court is South Carolina's general jurisdiction court, civil and criminal.
- (d) In 2003, I was elected to the Court of Appeals. The Court of Appeals is an intermediate, error-correction appellate court.
- (e) In 2008, I was elected to the Supreme Court. The Supreme Court is the highest court in South Carolina. While the Supreme Court primarily serves as an appellate court, it has authority to hear matters in its original jurisdiction. See Article V of South Carolina Constitution.
- 24. If the answer to question 23 is yes, describe or list five of your most significant orders or opinions and give the citations if they were reported. Also list citations to any appellate review of these orders or opinions.
 - (a) Moore v. Moore, 414 S.C. 490, 779 S.E.2d 533 (2015).
 - (b) Columbia Venture, LLC v. Richland County, 413 S.C. 423, 776 S.E.2d 900 (2015).
 - (c) State v. Belcher, 385 S.C.597, 685 S.E.2d 802 (2009)
 - (d) Adoptive Couple v. Baby Girl, 395 S.C. 625, 731 S.E.2d 550 (2012) (Kittredge, J., dissenting), *rev'd* 133 S. Ct. 2552 (2013) (reversing the majority decision and adopting Justice Kittredge's view that Indian Child Welfare Act did not bar adoption of child where Indian parent abandoned Indian child prior to birth).
 - (e) <u>Abbeville Cnty. Sch. Dist. v. State</u>, 410 S.C. 619, 767 S.E.2d 157 (2014) (Kittredge, J., dissenting); see also <u>Abbeville Cnty. Sch. Dist. v. State</u>, 414 S.C. 166, 777 S.E.2d 609 (2015) (order) (Kittredge, J., dissenting), *superseded by* ____ S.C. ___, 780 S.E.2d 609 (2015) (Kittredge, J., dissenting).

I have been an appellate judge since 2003. I have authored hundreds of opinions. I am attaching to my application a list of all appellate opinions I have authored.

- 25. Have you ever held public office other than judicial office? If so, list the periods of your service, the office or offices involved, and whether you were elected or appointed. Also, state whether or not you have timely filed your report with the State Ethics Commission during the period you held public office. If not, were you ever subject to a penalty? If so, give details, including dates.

 I have never held public office.
- 26. List all employment you had while serving as a judge (whether full-time or part-time, contractual or at will, consulting or otherwise) other than elected judicial office. Specify your dates of employment, employer, major job responsibilities, and supervisor. None.
- 27. Have you ever been an unsuccessful candidate for elective, judicial, or other public office? If so, give details, including dates.

 No.
- 28. Have you ever been engaged in any occupation, business, or profession other than the practice of law, teaching of law, or holding judicial or other public office? If so, give

details, including a description of your occupation, business, or profession, the dates of your employment, and the name of your business or employer.

No.

- 29. Are you now an officer or director or involved in the management of any business enterprise? Explain the nature of the business, your duties, and the term of your service. No, as to business enterprise, but I serve on the Board of Upstate Warrior Solutions and as a national commissioner for CALEA (www.CALEA.org).
- 30. Please explain why you think you meet the professional and academic ability criteria for the seat you seek.

I respectfully request the JMSC consider my response to Question 52 as my full answer to this question. In brief, my academic background includes <u>summa cum laude</u>, Phi Beta Kappa, Order of the Coif, and Wig and Robe. I am in my twenty-seventh (27th) year on the South Carolina judiciary, and I am the only person ever to serve on the four major courts in our unified judicial system. I have taught new judges; I have spoken at more CLEs and JCLEs than I can count; in 2015, I was honored with a lifetime achievement award to the legal profession from the Supreme Court; as a trial judge, I presided over hundreds of jury trials; as an appellate judge, I have authored hundreds of legal opinions. This is a mere snapshot of more than a quarter of a century of judicial service.

I have devoted my professional life to service in the judiciary. I have tried my best to conduct myself in a professional manner, seeking to treat all people with kindness and respect. I have done my best to uphold the rule of law and render decisions that reflect a thoughtful and honest examination of the applicable legal principles and precedent. I have no agenda other than to honor the rule of law. My record of judicial service and body of work speaks for itself. Whether my judicial service meets "the professional and academic ability criteria" for continued service on the Supreme Court is for the JMSC and Legislature to determine.

- 31. Provide, **as a separate attachment**, a complete, current financial net worth statement that itemizes in detail:
 - (a) the identity and value of all financial assets held, directly or indirectly, including, but not limited to, bank accounts, real estate, securities, trusts, investments, and other financial holdings; and
 - (b) the identity and amount of each liability owed, directly or indirectly, which is in excess of \$1,000, including, but not limited to, debts, mortgages, loans, and other financial obligations.

A complete, current financial net worth statement was provided to the Commission.

(A net worth statement is provided with this questionnaire and you must use this format for submission of your financial statement.)

NOTE: The Commission may require written confirmation that financial obligations have been satisfied or that the parties have agreed upon a payment schedule.

32. Describe any financial arrangements or business relationships you have, or have had in the past, that could constitute or result in a possible conflict of interest in the position you seek or currently hold. Explain how you would resolve any potential conflict of interest.

Stock holdings have never presented a problem. The few cases I have heard involving a company in which I owned stock, I have disclosed my ownership interest and proceeded in accordance with the Code of Judicial Conduct. For example, BB&T appears as a party occasionally and I recuse myself from such cases.

- 33. Have you ever been arrested, charged, or held by federal, state, or other law enforcement authorities for violation or for suspicion of violation of any federal law or regulation, state law or regulation, or county or municipal law, regulation, or ordinance, or any other law, including another country's law? If so, give details but do not include traffic violations which are subject to a penalty of \$125 or less. You must include any and all arrests, including, but not limited to, offenses for driving under the influence or similar traffic offenses. Include all arrests that resulted in expungement, which will be redacted. If you have questions regarding whether to include an offense, please contact the Commission. [All answers have been received and considered by the Commission, and as noted above, any expunged matters are redacted from the record.]
- Have you, to your knowledge, ever been under federal, state, or local investigation for possible violation of a criminal statute? If yes, explain.[All answers have been received and considered by the Commission, and as noted above, any expunged matters are redacted from the record.]
- 35. Has a tax lien or other collection procedure ever been instituted against you by federal, state, or local authorities? Have you ever defaulted on a student loan? Have you ever filed for bankruptcy? If so, give details.

 No as to all questions.
- 36. Have you ever been sued by a client? Have you ever been a named party (personally or professionally) in or had a pecuniary interest in any civil or criminal proceedings? If so, give details, including, but not limited to, dates, and resolutions.

I have never been sued by a client. I am in my twenty-seventh (27th) year on the South Carolina judiciary, and in that capacity, it is not uncommon for disgruntled litigants (usually prisoners) to threaten a lawsuit. I believe a number of prisoners have attempted to sue me, or at least inserted my name to the caption of a purported lawsuit. As far as I know, every such attempted lawsuit was never filed or was summarily dismissed as frivolous.

I was involved in an automobile accident in about 1974, which resulted in a lawsuit being filed against me in 1976. The plaintiff alleged negligence against me and sought damages. The case was tried to a jury and a verdict was rendered in my favor, "unavoidable accident."

- 37. Have you ever, in South Carolina or any other jurisdiction, as a lawyer, judge, or other professional, been sanctioned or disciplined for lawyer, judicial, or other professional misconduct or has any jurisdiction found that you committed any misconduct? If so, give the details and describe any final disposition. Include any and all confidential and public sanction, discipline, or finding of misconduct of any kind.

 [Yes and no responses are redacted for all candidates unless there is a public discipline.]
- 38. Have you ever been investigated by the Department of Social Services? If so, give the details and the resolution. Has your name ever been enrolled on the Central Registry of Child Abuse and Neglect? If so, give the details.

 No.
- 39. If you are in private practice, are you covered by malpractice insurance and, if so, how long have you carried malpractice insurance? If applicable, have you ever been covered by a tail policy? If so, please explain when you were covered by a tail policy. Also, if applicable, indicate your coverage and deductible for your current malpractice policy. N/A.
- 40. Are you active on or a member of a social media or Internet site or have you, to your knowledge, been featured or depicted on a social media or Internet site, such as, Facebook, LinkedIn, Twitter, etc.? If so, how would your use of social media or other similar types of Internet sites be affected if you were serving in a judicial capacity? I am not active on social media. In fact, I have never been on Facebook and have no desire to do so.
- 41. Are you now or have you ever been employed as a "lobbyist," as defined by S.C. Code § 2-17-10(13), or have you acted in the capacity of a "lobbyist's principal," as defined by S.C. Code § 2-17-10(14)? If so, give the dates of your employment or activity in such capacity and specify by whom you were directed or employed.

 No.
- 42. Since filing with the Commission your letter of intent to run for judicial office, have you accepted lodging, transportation, entertainment, food, meals, beverages, money, or any other thing of value as defined by S.C. Code § 2-17-10(1) from a lobbyist or lobbyist's principal? If so, please specify the item or items you received, the date of receipt, and the lobbyist or lobbyist's principal involved.

 No.
- 43. Itemize (by amount, type, and date) all expenditures, other than those for travel and room and board, made by you, or on your behalf in furtherance of your candidacy for the position you seek. If you have spent over \$100, have you reported your expenditures to the House and Senate Ethics Committees?

 I paid \$300 to have this application typed. I have spent no other money in furtherance of this candidacy.

- 44. List the recipient and amount of all contributions made by you, a member of your immediate family, or by a business with whom you are associated, to members of the General Assembly within the past four years.

 None.
- 45. Have you directly or indirectly requested the pledge of any member of the General Assembly as to your election for the position for which you are being screened or have you been offered a conditional pledge of support by any legislator pending the outcome of your screening? Have you received the assurance of any public official or public employee that they will seek the pledge of any member of the General Assembly as to your election for the position for which you are being screened? If so, give details.

 No as to both questions.

Note: The flash drive with your application materials contains (1) Section 2-19-70(c); (2) JMSC Rule 24, and (3) informal opinions and letters concerning pledging prohibitions, with which third parties acting on your behalf, as well as you, must comply.

- 46. Have you requested any third parties to contact members of the General Assembly on your behalf before the final and formal screening report has been released? Describe the campaigning you have done for this election and include a list of those individuals you have asked to campaign on your behalf and, to the best of your knowledge, those who have campaigned for you on their own initiative.

 No as to both questions.
- 47. Are you familiar with the 48-hour rule, which prohibits a candidate from seeking pledges until after the draft report becomes final, which occurs on the day and time specified on the Commission's published screening schedule?

 Yes.
- 48. Have you or has anyone acting on your behalf solicited or collected funds to aid in the promotion of your candidacy? If so, please specify the amount, solicitor, donor, and date of the solicitation.

 No.
- 49. Since submitting your letter of intent to become a candidate, have you or has anyone acting on your behalf contacted any member of the Judicial Merit Selection Commission about your candidacy or intention to become a candidate? If so, give details.

 No.
- 50. List all bar associations and professional organizations of which you are a member and give the titles and dates of any offices you have held in such groups.
 - (a) South Carolina Bar 1982 to present
 - (b) Greenville County Bar 1982 to present
 - (c)

- 51. List all civic, charitable, educational, social, and fraternal organizations of which you are or have been a member during the past five years and include any offices held in such a group, any professional honors, awards, or other forms of recognition received and not listed elsewhere.
 - (a) First Presbyterian Church of Greenville Elder and Sunday School Teacher
 - (b) National Commissioner for CALEA (www.CALEA.org), a national public safety accreditation commission
 - (c) Judicial Liaison Officer, Haynsworth-Perry Inn of Court
 - (d) Poinsett Club, Greenville, SC
 - (e) Upstate Warrior Solutions, member of Board of Directors
 - (f) Wellness Committee of the SC Bar (serve essentially in ex-officio capacity as result of my service as Chair of the Chief Justice's Commission on the Profession)
 - (g) NMRS Center on Professionalism, Advisory Committee
- 52. Provide any other information that may reflect positively or negatively on your candidacy, or which you believe should be disclosed in connection with consideration of you for nomination for the position you seek. This information may include how your life experiences have affected or influenced the kind or type of judge you have been or plan to be.

I believe I am well qualified to continue my service as a Justice on the South Carolina Supreme Court. My academic background includes <u>summa cum laude</u>, Phi Beta Kappa, Order of the Coif, and Wig and Robe.

June 2016 marked twenty-six (26) years of judicial service to South Carolina. I am the first and only person ever in South Carolina to serve on the four major courts – Family Court, Circuit Court, Court of Appeals and the Supreme Court. My service at every level has prepared me well for service in the Supreme Court. I am no stranger to hard work.

As a trial judge, I (1) served as chief administrative judge on numerous occasions in Family and Circuit Court; (2) formed Bench-Bar committees in Family and Circuit Court to facilitate productive and positive communications between judges and practicing attorneys on matters affecting the court; (3) assembled and participated in the committee which resulted in the implementation of the successful Alternate Dispute Resolution Program in Greenville County; (4) was assigned and tried many complex cases, including medical malpractice, products liability, constitutional challenges to state statutes, etc.; (5) was responsible for the organization, scheduling and presentation of many JCLEs at Family Court and Circuit Court conferences; (6) was assigned numerous death penalty cases by the Supreme Court, including death penalty post-conviction relief; (7) served on numerous occasions as an acting Associate Justice of the Supreme Court; and (8) was appointed many times by the Supreme Court as a special referee in matters in the Supreme Court's original jurisdiction and in all such cases the Supreme Court has unanimously adopted my Report and Recommendation in published opinions.

For the past approximately fourteen (14) years, I have served as an appellate judge, the past nine on the Supreme Court. I enjoy the challenge of novel and difficult issues we frequently

encounter at the appellate level. I hope my work product (legal opinions) is acceptable to the Bar and the JMSC. It has been and remains my goal to write understandable and meaningful opinions for the Bench and Bar. My judicial philosophy is that judges adjudicate and legislators legislate.

I have served on the Chief Justice's Commission on the Profession since approximately 2003. In 2008, I was appointed as Chairman of the Commission on the Profession and have served in that capacity since. The Commission on the Profession has led the way on numerous improvements to the system of justice, including the mentoring program and numerous rule changes.

In 2015, I received a lifetime achievement award from the Chief Justice for my outstanding contributions to the legal profession. I was the first recipient of this award.

I was recently asked by the Chief Justice to lead the effort to revive the South Carolina Supreme Court Historical Society. Those efforts are underway.

I wish to add a final comment, I have no agenda, other than to honor my oath as a judge and uphold the rule of law. I bring neither a bias nor an agenda to the discharge of my judicial duties. I am faithful to the rule of law, and my record of more than twenty-six (26) years in the state judiciary so reflects. Moreover, beyond my uncompromising commitment to the rule of law, I have tried my best to treat everyone with kindness and respect.

I thank the JMSC for its consideration of my application for re-election to the position of Justice of the Supreme Court, Seat 3.

- 53. List the names, addresses, and telephone numbers of five (5) persons from whom you are providing references. Also, provide the Commission with <u>original letters</u> of recommendation from each person listed herein, including their signature (preferably in blue ink). The Commission will not accept a photocopy or electronic submission of a <u>letter of recommendation and failure to include all five (5) original letters of recommendation in your packet when you submit it will render your packet incomplete</u>. Please <u>do not</u> have references mail your reference letters to the Commission directly. You must return the five (5) original letters of recommendation to the Commission with your application packet.
 - (a) Mr. Daniel Hartway, Senior Vice President, First Citizens Bank, 325 W. McBee Avenue, Greenville, SC 29601
 - (b) The Rev. Dr. Richard Gibbons, First Presbyterian Church, 200 W. Washington Street, Greenville, SC 29601
 - (c) Dr. Brad Williams, 34 Sirrine Drive, Greenville, SC 29605
 - (d) Mr. Tommy Stevenson, 214 Rutherford Street, Greenville, SC 29609
 - (e) Mr. Paul Wickensimer, 305 E. North Street, Greenville, SC 29601
- 54. Describe any interest you or a member of your immediate family has in real property:
 - (a) in which there is a potential conflict of interest with your involvement in a South Carolina state or local public agency;

No.

- (b) in which there have been public improvements of \$200 or that adjoins property in which there have been public improvements of \$200; or No.
- (c) which was sold, leased, or rented to a state or local public agency in South Carolina.

List the interest you hold and the value and location of the property. Identify as applicable the:

- (a) nature of any potential conflict of interest;
- (b) nature and value of any public improvements; and
- (c) South Carolina state or local public agency which purchased or is leasing or renting such property.

Attach a copy of any contract or agreement. None.

- 55. Identify any personal property interest you or a member of your immediate family sold, leased, or rented to a South Carolina state or local public agency. Identify the property, its amount or value, and the name of the agency. Attach a copy of any contract or agreement. None.
- 56. For sitting judges, if you currently hold an interest in stock or other securities or have held such an interest, list each stock you currently own or owned during the prior calendar year. If you prefer, you may attach broker or account records containing the requested information instead of listing it here.

 My brokerage account records are attached to my personal financial statement.
- 57. For sitting judges, have you ever accepted anything of value from an attorney or litigant in a matter currently or previously before you or your court? If so, please give the details, including the name of the attorney or litigant and the thing of value you received.
 - No. In an abundance of caution, I have on rare occasion socialized with attorneys but never when the lawyer had a matter pending in my court. Moreover, the nature of such encounters has always fallen in the category of ordinary social hospitality, usually in connection with a Bar function.
- For sitting judges, have you used the services of your staff, for which you did not pay, while campaigning for this office?

 I have paid my administrative assistant \$300 to type this application. The work was done after-hours on her personal computer.

YOUR SIGNATURE WILL BE HELD TO CONSTITUTE A WAIVER OF THE CONFIDENTIALITY OF ANY PROCEEDING BEFORE A GRIEVANCE COMMITTEE OR ANY INFORMATION CONCERNING YOUR CREDIT.

I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT MY ANSWERS ARE TRUE AND COMPLETE TO THE BEST OF MY KNOWLEDGE.

Signature:	
Sworn to before me this day	of, 2017.
(Notary Signature)	
(Notary Printed Name) Notary Public for South Carolina My Commission Expires:	